



Sitka School District Travel Protocols

The Sitka School Board has approved the following travel protocols to be effective for all SSD staff and students related to COVID-19 quarantine and testing for out of state and in-state travel (outside of SE Alaska). The Sitka School Board and district administration are requiring these protocols to prevent spread of the COVID-19 virus in school buildings and the community due to travel.

Out of State Travel – Two negative tests required – 7 days apart

As of 11/04/20, all staff and students traveling out of Alaska for more than 24 hours are required to test at the airport upon returning to Sitka. Upon returning, staff and students should follow strict social distancing protocols (including not entering a school building) until receiving a 2nd negative test 7 days after returning from travel. All residents returning from travel can test for free at the Sitka airport and receive a coupon for a 2nd test that should be done 7 days after returning.

In-State Travel (outside of SE Alaska)- Two negative tests required – 7 days apart

As of 12/2/20, all staff and students traveling outside of Southeast Alaska (Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kenai Peninsula, etc.) for more than 24 hours are required to test at the airport upon returning to Sitka. Upon returning, staff and students should follow strict social distancing protocols (including not entering a school building) until receiving a 2nd negative test 7 days after returning from travel. All residents returning from travel can test for free at the Sitka airport and receive a coupon for a 2nd test that should be done 7 days after returning.

Staff or students traveling within Southeast Alaska (Juneau, Ketchikan, etc.) are recommended to use the free test at the airport upon arriving back in Sitka. Strict social distancing is not required for travel within SE Alaska.

Where to send test results:

Staff should send their 2nd negative test result to Cassee Olin at olinc@sitkaschools.org

Students should have their 2nd negative test result sent to the building principal



Here's what these travelers need to do to practice **strict social distancing** after returning to Sitka:

- You may be in an outdoor public place, but stay six feet away from anyone not in your immediate household and wear a face covering.
- You may arrange curbside shopping or have food delivery.
- Please do not enter restaurants, bars, gyms, community centers, sporting facilities (i.e., ice rinks, gymnasiums, sports domes), office buildings, school or daycare facilities.
- Do not participate in any group activities, including sporting events and practices, weddings, funerals, or other gatherings.

If a staff member or student **have already tested positive and completed their 10 day isolation protocol** and need to travel in the next 90 days, complete the form below from public health to turn into your supervisor or building.

For release from isolation:

http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/SiteAssets/Pages/HumanCoV/COVID%20Notice%20of%20Release%20From%20Isolation%20Letter_fillable.pdf

Questions about COVID travel protocols?

Contact the district office at 747-8622 or email Chris Voron at voronc@sitkaschools.org